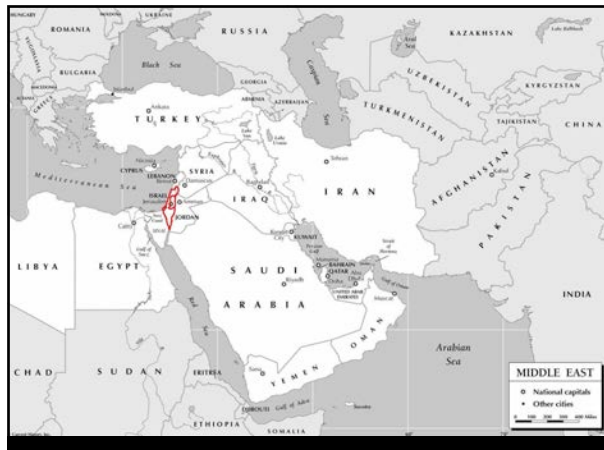
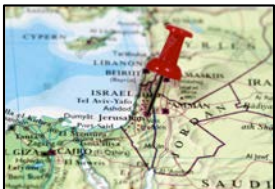




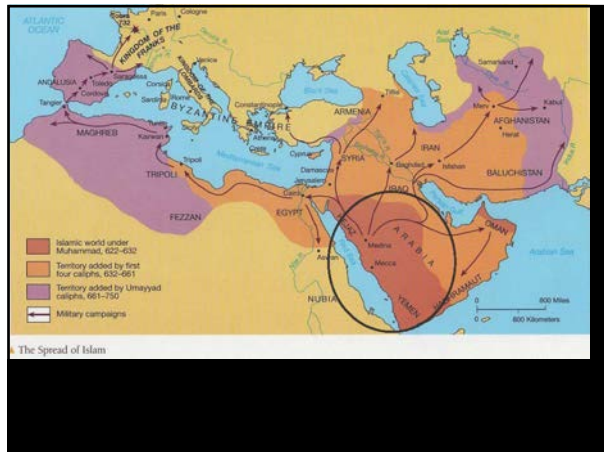
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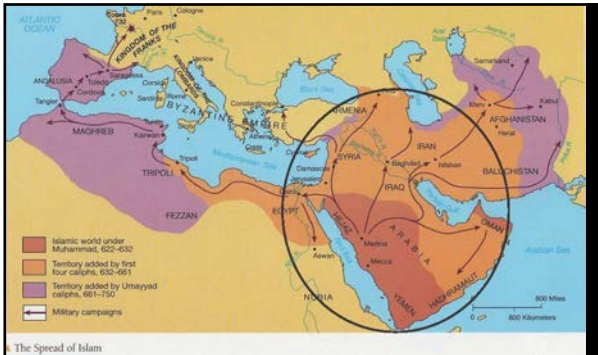
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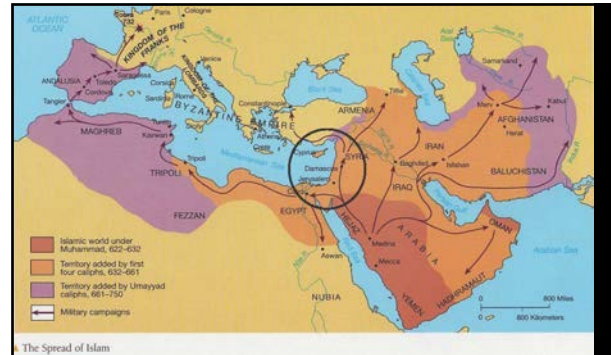
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- Why is this part of the world contested so intensely?
- How did the modern state of Israel come about?
- What is the status of Palestine?
- Are we any closer to peace?

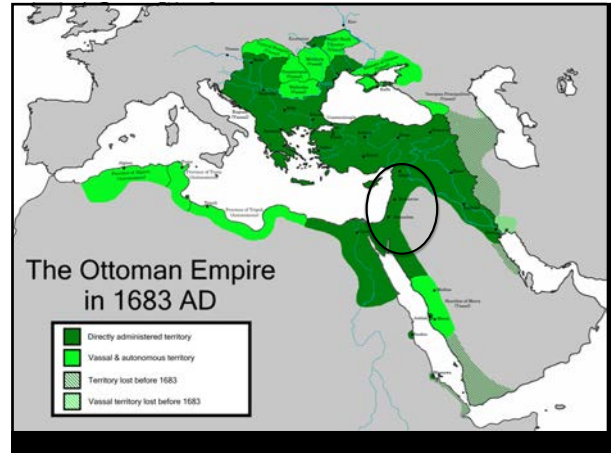
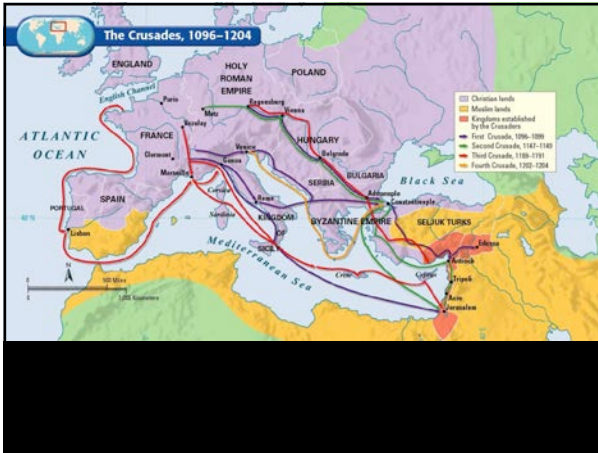




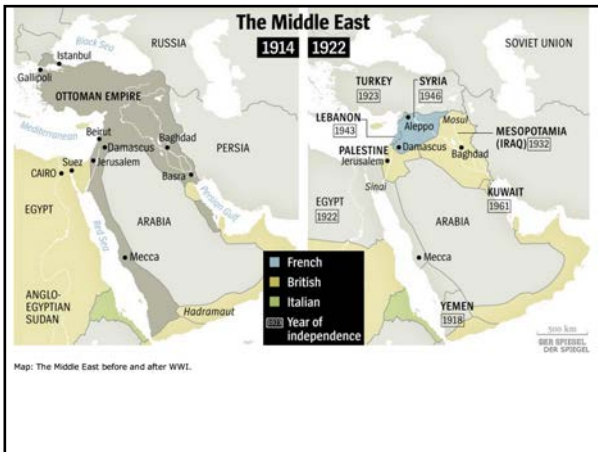
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The Ottoman Empire in 1683 AD



Map: The Middle East before and after WWI.



Jewish ****Diaspora**

- For a millennium, Jews settled and lived in Europe, Russia, Northern Africa, and eventually the Americas.
- No homeland of their own.
- 1930s and 1940s: the Holocaust.
- Post-war pressure for a homeland.

** Diaspora

- The dispersion of people outside their original homeland.
 - The Jewish diaspora: some 8m worldwide in 2010.
 - Armenian diaspora: 350,000–500,000 in Los Angeles alone.
 - African diaspora: 140m in 2010.



Creation of Israel

- 1947: UN partition of Palestine in Jewish and Arab (Palestinian) portions.
- Also, removal from British control.
- Immediate Arab–Jewish War over territory.
- At least 1.5 million displaced refugees, both Jewish and Palestinian.



Creation of Israel

- Full independence of Israel: May 14, 1948.



Ongoing Conflict

- 1948: First Arab–Israeli War.
- 1956: Second Arab–Israeli War.
- 1967: The Six Day (Arab–Israeli) War.
 - Israel occupies the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights.
- 1973: The Yom Kippur War.



A Partial Peace

- Camp David Accords, 1978.
- Egypt–Israeli Peace Treaty, 1979.



Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter, and Menachem Begin



Assassination of Anwar Sadat, 1981





The Intifadas

- **** Intifada:** Palestinian uprising.
- First Intifada: 1987–1993 against occupation of the West Bank.
- Second Intifada: 2000–2005.




The Oslo Accords

- 1993 and 1995: recognition of "the right of the people of Palestine to self-determination."



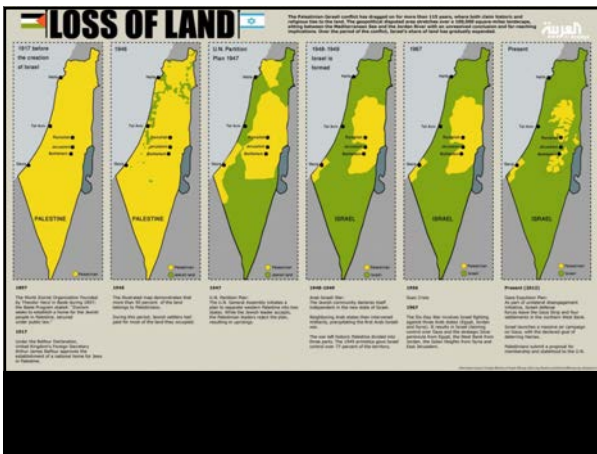

Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, 1995.


- By a Jewish nationalist for negotiating peace with the Palestinians.




The "Two-State Solution"


- UN Resolutions in 1974 and 2013 calling for two states, one Israeli (pre-1967 borders) and one Palestinian (West Bank and Gaza).



US Position Changes

- Previously: favored two-state solution (GW Bush and Obama).
- Dec 2017: Trump announces the US will move embassy to Jerusalem and might cut aid to Palestinians.



The prospects for peace in the near to medium-term future are not promising.